

# June 29 – July 5

## Summer of Scripture | Fighting Temptation

**Icebreaker:** Can you think of a silly or harmless temptation you've faced recently (like birthday cake icing or online shopping)? What made it feel tempting?

**Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and 10:6-11**

- What stands out to you in these verses?
- How does 1 Cor 10:13 make you feel? How does this verse offer both a warning and a promise?
- According to 1 Cor 9:24-27 and 10:6-11, why is it dangerous to minimize the dangerousness of temptation and sin?
- In 1 Cor 10:1-12, what do we learn from the Israelites' example? Do any of these examples resonate with you personally?
- What kinds of sin might we excuse as “no big deal” today?
- How can socially acceptable desires (like success or influence) become idols?
- According to 1 Cor. 10:13, how does God help us resist temptation? Have you ever seen God provide “a way of escape” in your own life?

**Read James 1:13-15 and 2 Timothy 2:22**

- What does James say about the process of temptation becoming sin?
- What does it look like to be lured and enticed?
- What does “endure it” suggest about the nature of escaping temptation?
- What does 2 Timothy 2:22 tell us about how to respond to sin in our lives?
- Why is it important to have a goal in mind while dealing with sin?

### Application

- What is one area in your life where you are tempted to say, “It’s not that bad”?
- Are there any areas of your life where you’ve felt “safe” from temptation that might actually need watchfulness?
- How would you finish this statement? “I’m tempted to believe that if [INSERT ANSWER] were true that I would finally be satisfied and happy?”
- How can you actively look for God’s “way of escape” in daily temptations? Are there boundaries you may need to set up, or things you need to do more of?
- Is there something you are struggling with that you should ask someone for help with?